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To whom it may concern,

As a Microsoft certified systems engineer with nine years of supporting MS and competing products, I would like to contribute some comments on the Microsoft Antitrust trial settlement.

Microsoft has shown dishonesty in marketing a wide variety of high quality to low quality software products. While I have appreciated many of their products, I have also lamented a dearth of competition from small and large competitors. I support the institution of a 3-person compliance review committee for ensuring competitive markets and encourage the DOJ to give it sufficient power to do it's job.

I would encourage this settlement to take into account many of Microsoft's most potent competitors: free software and open source software projects such as Linux and Apache that provide the commercial world with some of the best software available (and keep Microsoft engineers at their best).

I would also like to recommend Steve Satchell of InfoWorld as a member of this tribunal, as he has both the commercial and technical knowledge to make fair judgements that will keep the markets healthy and competitive.

Thank you,

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